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South Australia

**Coroners (Reportable Death) Amendment  
Bill 2010**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Coroners Act 2003*.

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**The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:**

### **Part 1—Preliminary**

#### **1—Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Coroners (Reportable Death) Amendment Act 2010*.

#### **2—Amendment provisions**

- 5 In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

### **Part 2—Amendment of *Coroners Act 2003***

#### **3—Amendment of section 3—Interpretation**

- (1) Section 3—after the definition of *Coroner's Court* or *Court* insert:

10 *corresponding authorisation*, in relation to the body of a dead person, means an authorisation under a corresponding law by a coroner (within the meaning of that corresponding law) that corresponds to an authorisation—

- (a) for the release of the body of the dead person from the control of the coroner; or
- 15 (b) for the disposal of human remains in respect of the body of the dead person;

*corresponding law* means—

- (a) the *Coroners Act 1997* (Australian Capital Territory);
- (b) the *Coroners Act 2009* (New South Wales);
- 20 (c) the *Coroners Act* (Northern Territory);
- (d) the *Coroners Act 2003* (Queensland);
- (e) the *Coroners Act 1995* (Tasmania);
- (f) the *Coroners Act 2008* (Victoria);
- (g) the *Coroners Act 1996* (Western Australia);

(2) Section 3, definition of *reportable death*—after "State death" insert:

(other than a State death to which subsection (2) applies)

(3) Section 3—after its current contents as amended by this section (now to be designated as subsection (1)) insert:

5 (2) For the purposes of this Act, the death of a person is not reportable if—

(a) the person dies outside of the State; and

(b) a coroner under a corresponding law has issued a corresponding authorisation in respect of the body of the  
10 dead person.

#### **4—Amendment of section 21—Holding of inquests**

Section 21(1)(b)(i)—after "reportable death" insert:

or a death that would, but for section 3(2), have been a reportable death